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Study says crime costs many black men their voting rights

NEW YORK — A recent report by Human Right Watch and the Sentencing Project said that 13 percent of all black men cannot vote because of their criminal records. "The proportions in some black communities are so large now that we've reached the point where this is an issue that can potentially affect some elections," said Marc Mauer, co-author of the report. Some statistics provided in the report: In Alabama and Florida nearly one in every three black men is permanently disenfranchised; in Mississippi, Virginia and Iowa, the ratio is about one to four.

Civil rights pioneer speaks at NJPAC on anniversary of opening

By Deepthi Hajela
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NEWARK (AP) — Activism based on nonviolence is still the best way to gain civil rights, just as it was in the 1960s, a pioneer of that movement said on Sunday.

Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, a speaker at the March on Washington and a colleague of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., told an audience of about 200 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center that non-violence was more than just a tactic.

"I think non-violence is one of those immutable principles," he

said. "And during the '60s, we never explored all of the potential of non-violence."

Lewis talked about his role in the movement, from sit-ins in Tennessee to voter-registration projects and freedom rides through the South, during a speech that fell on the one-year anniversary of the center's opening. In its initial eight-month season, NJPAC drew more than 500,000 patrons to its two performance stages, well exceeding even the most optimistic estimates of its staff.

Lewis, 58, got his start in the Civil Rights movement in his teens, and went on to become one of the

main organizers of events such as the March on Washington. He has just written his autobiography, "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement."

Speaking to the dozen children in the audience, he told them America was a more positive place than it used to be.

"Since those days, we have witnessed a nonviolent revolution, a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas," he said. "We live in a better country."

He also told them to never give up, despite the problems that remain.

"We must create one family, one

house, the American house, the American family," he said.

He said the largest of those problems was racism.

"The scars and stains of racism are still deeply embedded in John Lewis

American society," he said. "We've made a lot of progress, but it's still



a heavy burden."

His speech wasn't all about the past. Talking about his love of raising chickens as a boy and how he would preach to them on his father's farm in Alabama, he said the chickens listened to him more than his current colleagues in Congress, who are too busy trying to impeach President Clinton.

Rep. Donald Payne, (D-NJ), said having Lewis speak at the arts center showed how well NJPAC had been doing its job in the year since it opened.

"It's a community place," he said. "It's a living center. It's not just bricks and mortar."

Conyers: No respect for presidential office

By Glida Rogers
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NEWARK — The desecration of the office of the presidency and the lack of impeachable information handed to Congress by independent council Kenneth Starr was the message Rep. John Conyers, (D-MI) passed on to a group of lawyers gathered at a downtown law firm.

"We have the President being attacked not only by the independent council but we have now a situation, which the courts and independent council, through a variety of rulings



Children victim of Africa's AIDS epidemic

By Andrew Seksky
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Simon Ngobho lives under a death sentence in a house called the Place of Hope.

One foot sticking out of a hole in his blue-and-white sleeper, he smiles at a visitor from between the rails of his crib. Simon is barely 13 months old. Within three years he will probably be dead.

In sub-Saharan Africa's AIDS epi-